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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3729**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuki SATO et al.

Application No.: 09/809,278 ✓

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Group Art Unit: 3729

Filed: March 16, 2001

Docket No.: 108964

For: MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT SUBSTRUCTURE, MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT AND MICRO DEVICE, AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURING SAME

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the May 28, 2003 Office Action, the period for response being extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.